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**SENATE MEMORIAL 54**

**46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003**

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**A MEMORIAL**

**RECOGNIZING ROBERTO LEVI GALLEGOS FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AS AN  
EDUCATOR AND HIS ADVANCEMENT OF BILINGUAL AND BICULTURAL  
EDUCATION.**

**WHEREAS, Roberto Levi Gallegos, Ph.D, was born on August  
19, 1932 and has been a lifelong resident of New Mexico; and**

**WHEREAS, he graduated from Cuba high school in 1951,  
earned a bachelor of arts degree in government in 1957 and  
master of arts and doctorate degrees from the university of New  
Mexico in 1964 and 1974, respectively; and**

**WHEREAS, he served his country in the United States army,  
717th AA battalion; and**

**WHEREAS, he has been a junior high school government  
teacher, an elementary bilingual bicultural teacher, a reading  
consultant to the peoples of Costa Rica, Honduras and Ecuador**

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1 and a professor of elementary education at New Mexico state  
2 university and has focused on how best to convey the excitement  
3 of reading to his students over the last forty-four years; and

4 WHEREAS, he has provided leadership as an executive board  
5 member of the New Mexico association for bilingual education,  
6 has served as an editorial advisor to *The Reading Teacher* and  
7 has been a member of the Spanish language reading committee,  
8 the Nila Banton Smith reading award committee and the  
9 international reading association; and

10 WHEREAS, he has served as director of the bilingual  
11 education doctoral fellowship program at New Mexico state  
12 university and is a highly respected scholar and author of  
13 children's literacy series in New Mexico and Ecuador; and

14 WHEREAS, he has won many awards, including the professor  
15 of the quarter award from New Mexico Highlands university in  
16 1974, the favorite professor award from New Mexico state  
17 university in 1982, the most outstanding professor award at New  
18 Mexico state university in 1984, the Donald C. Roush award for  
19 teaching excellence in 1985 and in 1990, the Joseph M. Montoya  
20 award for his national contributions to bilingual education and  
21 the Westhafer award for excellence in teaching in 1995; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Gallegos is a preeminent teacher and scholar  
23 who has shared his knowledge and commitment to children,  
24 students and colleagues who have learned from his tutelage and  
25 mentorship in biliteracy, bicultural and multicultural teacher

1 preparation, education and curriculum theory and application;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
3 OF NEW MEXICO that recognition be extended to Roberto Levi  
4 Gallegos, Ph. D., a distinguished educator, for his  
5 contributions to the advancement of bilingual and bicultural  
6 education and his commitment to the children and people of New  
7 Mexico; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
9 transmitted to Roberto Levi Gallegos.

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